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In re Application of
Woodward et al.
Application No.: 10/539,436
PCT No.: PCT/GB03/05570
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Priority Date: 20 December 2002
Attorney Docket No.: 05392/HG
For: Biodegradable Polymers

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DECISION

This is with regard to the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed on 22 September 2006.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 19 December 2003, designated the United States, and claimed an earliest priority date of 20 December 2002. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 08 July 2004. Accordingly, the 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 20 June 2005. Applicants filed *inter alia* the basic national fee on 20 June 2005.

DISCUSSION

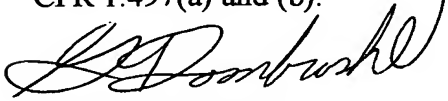
The instant petition seeks "to change the name of one of the co-inventors of the present application in view of her marriage and decision to use her husband's surname." Inspection of the executed declaration of the inventors filed on 16 November 2006 reveals that it names a joint inventor, "Kim Carmichael," rather than an inventor, "HUAN, Kim" nominated in the published international application. The petition is accompanied by a "Declaration" signed by Mrs. Carmichael declaring that "she is the Kim Huan who, together with Gary Woodward, Graham Philip Otter and Keith Philip Davis, invented the subject matter of the present application," and "That she has married Adrian John Carmichael and has therefore changed her name from Kim Huan to Kim Carmichael." In view of the evidence of record, including that presented upon petition, it would be appropriate to grant the requested relief.

It is noted that the declaration filed on 16 November 2006 does not provide the citizenship of joint inventor Graham Philip Otter. Therefore, the declaration does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(a)(3).

CONCLUSION

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch for further processing, including the preparation and mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) requiring the submission of an oath or declaration compliant with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

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